

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	Frederick J. Kapala	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	08 C 50059	DATE	April 30, 2008
CASE TITLE	U.S. ex rel. Frederick Ricky Lambert (N-30421) v. Lee Ryker		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Petitioner Frederick Lambert's motion to stay his federal habeas proceedings pending conclusion of his state post-conviction proceedings [10] is granted. The case is stayed pending the disposition of Petitioner's pending post-conviction proceedings in the state courts. The respondent need only enter an appearance at this time; no response to the petition is required until the stay is lifted. To proceed with the current 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition, Petitioner is directed to notify the Court that his state court proceedings are no longer pending, and that Petitioner seeks to lift the stay herein imposed. Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel [11] is denied as premature.

■ [For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

Petitioner Frederick Lambert, currently incarcerated at Lawrence Correctional Center, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his 1998 conviction for first degree murder. The Southern District of Illinois has transferred the petition to this Court.

The Court grants petitioner's motion to stay the current habeas proceedings pending resolution of his state post-conviction proceedings with respect to several of petitioner's claims. *See Arrieta v. Battaglia* 461 F.3d 861, 866 (7th Cir. 2006); *Dolis v. Chambers*, 454 F.3d 721, 725 (7th Cir. 2006). To proceed with the current petition, petitioner must notify the Court when his state court proceedings are no longer pending and request that Court lift the stay. The respondent need only enter an appearance at this time, and will be directed to answer the petition or otherwise plead after the stay has been lifted.

Petitioner is instructed to file all future papers in this case with the Clerk of Court in care of Prisoner Correspondence. The petitioner must provide the court with the original plus a judge's copy (including a complete copy of any exhibits) of every document filed. In addition, the petitioner must send an exact copy of any court filing to the Chief, Criminal Appeals Division, Attorney General's Office, 100 West Randolph Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Every document filed by Petitioner must include a certificate of service stating to whom exact copies were sent and the date of mailing. Any paper that is sent directly to the judge or that otherwise fails to comply with these instructions may be disregarded by the court or returned to the petitioner.

The petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel is denied at this time as premature. Counsel may be appointed if an evidentiary hearing is needed or if interests of justice so require. *See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases*. Counsel is not needed at this stage of the proceeding.

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